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Declaration for Patent Application

[] Supplemental (37 C.F.R. §1.67)

As a named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed in the signatory page(s) commencing at page 2 hereof) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHODS OF DETECTING HCV GENOTYPE 1 (HCV-1) BY USING PRIMERS SPECIFIC FOR
THE 5' NON-CODING REGION (NCR) OF THE HCV GENOME

the specification of which (check one)

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[] was filed on [] as United States Application Number [].

[X] was filed on January 10, 2003 as PCT International Application No. PCT/GB2003/000064 and assigned United States Application No. 10/501,262.

[X] and was amended on July 9, 2004 by Preliminary Amendment.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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